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Ellie Sammer with her Top Model UK award. Photo courtesy of Top Model UK.

Model student!

A BUDDING catwalk queen has took her first steps towards a career as a professional model.

Ellie Sammer, 14, from Newburgh, was the overall winner in the commercial category of the Top Model UK 2015 competition.

And the Burscough Priory Science College student has also been short–listed for Miss England.

The Grand Finals of the contest, featuring six categories, were held last Friday and Saturday (March 13 & 14) at the Hilton Metropole Hotel in London.

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ONE OF BRITAIN'S MOST WANTED!

By **Danielle Thompson**

41–year–old Ormskirk man sought in connection with £71 million cocaine plot

AN Ormskirk man has been named on the list of the 10 most wanted fugitives in Britain.

David McDermott, 41, who is believed to be on the run in Spain, is wanted by the National Crime Agency (NCA) on suspicion of conspiracy to supply cocaine and conspiracy to blackmail.

He is believed to be part of a Liverpool–based crime gang that conspired to supply 400 kilogrammes of cocaine, with a street value estimated at £71million, which was discovered hidden in a consignment of frozen Argentinian beef in a container at Tilbury Docks, Essex two years ago.

Not knowing the cocaine had been seized, McDermott, who is 5ft, 11 ins tall and has a two–inch scar on his wrist, was observed by NCA officers meeting other members of the group.

The cocaine was replaced with dummy packages of bricks and the container was taken on a lorry to its end destination – a cold storage unit in Wigan. A member of the crime group collected two holdalls but later dumped them when he realised the drugs were not inside.

NCA officers watched and listened as McDermott met with members of the crime group at the Aintree Retail Park.

He was allegedly involved in the planning of a violent mission to recover the cocaine, not knowing it had been seized by law enforcement. The use of physical and sexual violence against anyone who had information was discussed.

Five members of the group have already received sentences totalling 42 years.

Now McDermott has been placed on the list of the UK's most wanted fugitives, which is compiled by the independent UK crime–fighting charity Crimestoppers and the National Crime Agency.

This new appeal is the latest to be launched under Operation Captura, a multi–agency campaign to track down individuals believed to be evading capture by hiding in ex–pat communities in Spain.

Crimestoppers and the NCA work closely with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in Madrid and with British and Spanish law enforcement agencies as part of the campaign.

The 10 fugitives added to the list are wanted by UK law enforcement agencies in connection with crimes including rape, indecent assault of a child and drug trafficking.

Details of the fugitives were released yesterday (Tuesday, March 17) in Madrid.

This is the ninth Operation Captura appeal since 2006, and the previous eight resulted in 65 of 76 wanted fugitives being apprehended.

Hank Cole, head of international operations for the NCA, said: "Spain is not a safe haven for

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David McDermott

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Dancers' divine success!

Divine Dancers members Mike Scanlan, Andrea Woods, Anne Scanlan and Robbie Madden with the award

By **Danielle Thompson**

MEMBERS of a West Lancs Club for adults with learning difficulties have struck gold in a prestigous regional dancing competition.

The Divine Dancers became the first group with additional needs to compete against teams from across the North of England in the Nelson Dance Festival – and then scooped joint first place in the contemporary category!

The dancers are members of Divine Days Community Arts based in Burscough and Skelmersdale. The group was founded by Katie Whitehead who runs therapeutic and educational programmes for individuals with additional needs, including creative dance and drama workshops.

Eleven members of the Divine Dancers, who rehearse at The Greenhill Community Hub in Old Skelmersdale, took part in four categories in the contemporary section – solo, duo, trio and group – and ended up tied in first position with another team with an overall score of 89 points.

Katie Whitehead said: "Divine Days was set up to raise awareness and promote inclusion and acceptance and this is such a huge step. I have never been more proud as standing on stage alongside all the other dance groups to hear our name called out.

"This is what dreams are made of and it's hard explain what it means to be recognised in this way.

"The support we have in the community is tremendous. We received funding from Community Link to be able to take part and for our T–shirts and hooded tops which we are so grateful for.

"Our dancers were the only competitors with additional needs and we came first in our category. We were awarded a distinction by the adjudicator who marked our performance as excellent, both technically and artistically, and said that we showed very good discipline"

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Mum's fight for brain cancer charity

Report by
Danielle Thompson

THE mum of a little boy who battled a brain tumour last year has accused government ministers of "abandoning" those affected by the condition after they refused to include a brain cancer charity in a national awareness campaign.

Rosalind Bell's son Daniel was diagnosed with a brain tumour last year aged just three after she recognised his symptoms from a HeadSmart charity card warning parents of the symptoms of brain tumours in children and young people.

HeadSmart is a brain tumour awareness charity linked to The Brain Cancer Charity.

Daniel suffered from lethargy, frequent headaches and started being sick in the mornings.

Rosalind and her husband Colin, 35, who have two other children, six–year–old Leyla and Seren, seven months, took him to their GP in June, who referred him to the accident and emergency ward at Ormskirk Hospital.

He was diagnosed immediately and sent to Alder Hey where he had an operation the same day to drain fluid from his brain and the following day the tumour was removed in a second operation.

But although he still has MRI scans every few months, Daniel has fully recovered.

Now his mum, a 34–year–old solicitor from Black Moss Lane, Ormskirk, is backing The Brain Tumour Charity's call for the government to raise awareness of brain tumours, which kill more children and adults under 40 nationally than any other cancer.

Rosalind Bell with her son Daniel Code NA

Public Health Minister Jane Ellison suggested there were not enough preventable deaths from the disease to merit its inclusion in the government's Be Clear on Cancer symptoms awareness drive.

It was decided instead that the campaign would focus on the early diagnosis of lung, breast (in women over 70), bowel, kidney and bladder, and oesophago–gastric cancers.

A survey by the national Brain Tumour Charity in 2013 found that more than a third of people with a brain tumour had visited their GP at least five times before they were diagnosed and 62% were diagnosed only after a desperate visit to A&E.

Rosalind Bell said: "They might as well say our children's lives are worthless. I doubt the people making that decision have ever been told a loved one has a brain tumour.

"It feels like the government has abandoned everyone living with this cruel disease and are failing in their duty of care.

"If I had not seen the HeadSmart card, I wouldn't have recognised Daniel's symptoms. It saved my precious little boy's life.

"Now we need to raise awareness and I urge the government to change its mind. Brain tumours must be included in the Be Clear on Cancer campaign.

Illogical

"It's scary to read about the symptoms but early diagnosis saves lives and can reduce long–term disabilities like epileptic fits and blindness. It's illogical to exclude the biggest cancer killer of children and young adults."

West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper is backing the family's campaign.

She said: "The government's refusal to include brain tumours in its Be Clear on Cancer campaign is extremely disappointing as brain tumours are one of the biggest killers of children in the UK.

"Around 500 children each year are diagnosed with brain tumours and 25% die from the disease.

"The Brain Tumour Charity's campaign is one I have raised with the Department of Health on behalf of a young constituent I met on a recent school visit, as a member of her family had been diagnosed with a brain tumour.

"I've actively supported the work of the Brain Tumour Charity in raising awareness of brain tumour symptoms. In 2014 I wrote to local schools encouraging them to get involved in the charity's HeadSmart campaign to raise symptom awareness to reduce the diagnosis time.

"I will continue to work with local constituents and the Brain Tumour Charity in the fight against childhood brain tumours."

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Ellie takes step to modelling career

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In addition to the awards decided by a panel of judges at the Top Model Grand Finals weekend, there was also a public vote award to raise funds for a different charity each year.

This was won by Ellie's friend, 18–year–old Nadia Turton from Skelmersdale.

The girls, who first met while attending Newburgh Church of England Primary School, beat off competition from some 4,000 other hopefuls to make the finals of the contest.

Ellie's mum, Gillian, told the Champion: "We are so proud of Ellie, she has won overall in the commercial category, which will really open all the right doors for her, starting with work as an advertising model.

"She won £500 of spa treatments, a professional photoshoot, a holiday to Malta and is having designer shoes made especially for her.

"And she's so modest, she's hardly told anyone about it. But it's a major contest and will really define the start of her modelling career."

Classical concert

A CLASSICAL guitar and violin concert will be held in Burscough on Sunday (March 22) featuring The Ten Strings Duo, violinist Marianatalia Ruscica and guitarist Davide Sciacca from Sicily.

The concert starts at 8pm in the Burscough Wharf Arts Centre and tickets, priced £5, will be available on the door.

Ormskirk man is one of Britain's most wanted

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for British fugitives. The NCA and its partners will continue to pursue these individuals relentlessly and return them to the UK to face justice. 65 fugitives on the Captura list have been caught, along with many more fugitives linked to other operations.

"The exceptional level of collaboration and intelligence sharing with the Spanish authorities has been vital to these arrests. However, we still need the support of the public. Be our eyes and ears and tell us if you have any information on the whereabouts of our targets."

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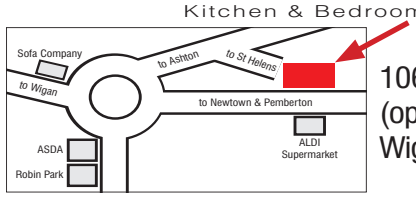

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Cemetery campaign gathers momentum

By **Henry James**

Jim Bevan and Veronica Prescott show their petition to Rosie Cooper

A SENIOR citizens campaign for the provision of a designated borough cemetery and crematorium in West Lancs is gathering momentum.

Members of the West Lancashire Pensioners Forum have now collected about 2,000 signatures for their petition calling for the new facility.

At present, many West Lancs families have to travel to neighbouring Southport or St Helens to hold their loved ones' funerals.

But in a bid to redress the situation members of the pensioners forum have been out and about in the streets of West Lancashire collecting signatures for their petition

They have also joined forces with Rosie Cooper in campaigning for additional burial spaces.

Forum members, Veronica Prescott and Jim Bevan met with the MP to discuss their campaign and present her with a copy of the petition.

Ms Cooper said: "I've been campaigning for several years for new cemetery and crematorium provision in West Lancashire. Too many families are having to lay their loved ones to rest in neighbouring boroughs due to our lack of burial space, for which they are charged a higher amount.

"And, as well as costing families a significant amount extra to bury loved ones, there is then the extra distance travelling to visit the resting place whether it is Southport, Liverpool or St Helens, which adds even more costs.

"There is no statutory duty requiring West Lancashire Borough Council to provide burial areas so the solution will mean we have to find a private provider.

"I welcome the hard work and effort of West Lancashire Pensioners Forum to raise awareness of this awful situation and I look forward to working with them to deliver a solution for the benefit of bereaved families."

Veronica Prescott added: "Speaking to Rosie Cooper she really does seems to understand the impact not having local burial spaces available has on West Lancashire residents and want to bring an end to this situtation as soon as possible."

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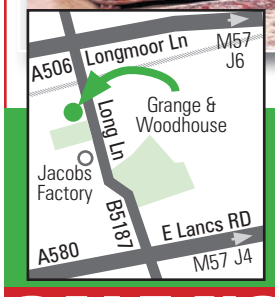

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Fun 'run' is a stroll for Michael!

Stroke survivor's £1,700 helping hand for charity

By Danielle Thompson

A STROKE survivor has raised £1,700 by tackling the Stroke Association 5k Resolution Run in Cheshire at the weekend – albeit at walking pace!

Michael Brown, 55, from Ormskirk, had a stroke in July when he was working from home in his role for the HSBC bank.

He noticed his speech was slurred but didn't think anything of it until he spoke to his wife Cathy, who rushed home and did the Fast test before dialling 999.

The test – Facial weakness, Arm weakness, Speech problems and Time, call 999 immediately if you recognise any of these signs – is the Stroke Association's description of the most common symptoms of a stroke, which make up the acrostic Fast.

Michael spent a week in Southport General Hospital before returning home to begin his road to recovery.

The stroke left him with weakness in the left side of his face and body, as well as affecting his speech and confidence.

But after support from local community teams, Michael is making a good recovery and has recently returned to work on a phased return.

He officially started the race on Sunday (March 15) at Delamere Forest and walked the route with his wife Cathy to raise vital funds for the Stroke Association.

He said: "The association reached out to me after my stroke and the website and forums were a great source of comfort to my wife. I know the association is always there for me and that's why I was so keen to take part in the Resolution Run, to help to raise money for others affected by stroke.

Michael Brown with wife Cathy

"Between myself, Cathy, matched funding from my employer HSBC and support from Ormskirk Clocktower Rotary Club, of which we're both members, we've raised around £1,700 so far. We're incredibly grateful to everyone for their support."

Laura McMullin, regional fundraiser at the Stroke Association, added: "With around 152,000 strokes a year in the UK – that's around one every three–and–a–half minutes – it is vital that we have people like our Resolution Runners to raise funds and help us conquer stroke."

The money raised will help the charity fund vital research, support people affected and prevent stroke.

Rugby club to stage fundraiser in memory of murdered PC

Report by Danielle Thompson

ORMSKIRK Rugby Union Club is to stage a charity match and fundraiser in memory of a policeman who was killed after allegedly being atacked in Liverpool city centre last December.

The club's 3rd XV will play a Merseyside Police team at the ground in Green Lane next Saturday (March 28) as a tribute to PC Neil Doyle.

The Green and Blue Day event – a reference to the teams' respective colours – is usually a way of raising the club's profile in the local community and features former players while seeking to attract newcomers.

But this year's event is being dedicated to the memory of PC Doyle who had himself played in the fixture in the past.

The game was originally scheduled to be played on December 20 last year but was postponed following the death of PC Doyle while on a Christmas night out in Liverpool the previous evening.

The club also have a signed Bath rugby shirt to give away as part of a promotion on social media site Facebook.

This year's Green and Blue Day at Ormskirk RUFC will be held in memory of PC Neil Doyle (above)

A Facebook page has been set up including a post featuring club chairman, Nick Jacobs, holding the shirt. Visitors to the site are invited to 'like' the post and if it reaches the 1,500 mark – it's already attracted more than 850 – the shirt will be one of the prizes to be raffled on the day.

Sharky, the mascot of Premiership club Sale Sharks, will be on hand on the day to lend his support to the Ormskirk teams and welcome supporters.

And the action will kick off at 2pm when the stars of the future – the club's under–8s – will play a curtain–raiser.

This will be followed at 3pm when Ormskirk 1st team play local rivals Orrell and the 3rd team take on Merseyside Police.

The club has also arranged a series of events to raise funds for the Memorial Fund for Constable Neil Doyle, including the weekend loan of a BMW i8 – courtesy of club sponsors Halliwell Jones BMW – for the lucky winner of the exclusive raffle which will be drawn on the day.

The free draw is not just for club members and all members of the public are welcome to attend.

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Rail route earmarked for electrification priority

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

THE Southport to Salford Crescent railway line, which traverses West Lancashire, has been earmarked as one of the first 12 routes that could be electrified in the next government scheme in 2019–2024.

Lancashire County Council has welcomed news that the line, which passes through stations at Bescar Lane, New Lane, Burscough Bridge, Hoscar, Parbold and Appley Bridge, could receive top priority in a new wave of electrification schemes.

The Electrification Task Force, an independent body created in 2013 to determine how electrification could deliver greater economic growth in the north of England, has presented its final report to Secretary of State for Transport, Patrick McLoughlin.

The task force examined 32 routes, grouping them into three tiers for prioritisation based on their contribution to the economy, how they fit with other schemes, and the number of kilometres of diesel running they would replace.

The Southport–Salford Crescent line is one of three in Lancashire recommended for inclusion among 12 routes in the first tier.

County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "I welcome the report of the Electrification Task Force which identifies three additional lines in Lancashire that would benefit from being electrified."

Antique table cabinet sparks bidding war

ADVERTISING FEATURE

A rare table cabinet caught the imagination of bidders at auction on the 24th February.

The cabinet was discovered by experts from Southport Auctions and Thomas Watson Auctioneers at their valuation day in Southport in January. The ebonised and enamel mounted cabinet was identified as being Viennese and dating to the end of the 19th Century. "Cabinets of this type and rarity are sought after and rarely come to the market", said auctioneer David Elstob.

The cabinet was hotly contested on the day and eventually sold to an Italian buyer at £3,200, who was bidding live on the internet.

Southport Auctions and Thomas Watson Auctioneers will hold their next Antiques Workshop and Valuation event on Saturday, 28th March at the Royal Clifton Hotel, Promenade, Southport.

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Matthew set for film debut – in Germany!

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A BUDDING film star from Ormskirk is set to make his big–screen debut this summer – in Germany!

Matthew Ennis, a pupil at the West Lancashire Performing Arts stage school based at the Arts Centre at Edge Hill University, spent 11 days in the country filming his role in the small independent production.

The film, a love story called The Last Picture, is set to premier in Haren in Lower Saxony in August.

And although it is a German production, it is actually an English language film as the makers believed that would enable them to reach a wider international audience.

Ten–year–old Matthew won his role ahead of local youngsters as the production crew wanted a 'more realistic' English accent.

To that end, they contacted a number of acting agencies in the UK specialising in child actors and Matthew filmed a video audition over video–sharing site YouTube to get the nod.

His tutor at West Lancashire Performing Arts, Sharn Alexander, told the Champion: "Matthew was selected through his casting agency after he did a video audition last May.

"We spent 11 days filming in Haren, which is a small town in Germany, with another English boy from Yorkshire called Will who was also making his filming début. The lads even got to share their own trailer!

Interviewed

"The cast included a number of well–known German actors but also Scottish actor David Gant, whose credits include Gandhi and Braveheart.

"But the lovely thing was that all the cast and crew gave their time freely and enthusiastically to help the boys. They could not have been more welcoming to us all.

"It was a really positive experience and a massive learning curve for a 10–year–old.

"And the boys were interviewed by local and national German TV stations and generally had the time of their lives."

Matthew Ennis on set in Haren

Deputy headteacher Mr. Kennedy, Jon Lane, headteacher Mrs Stevens and pupils with the award and certificate

Gold award for sporty school

STAFF and pupils at a West Lancs school have struck gold in a national sports project.

Aughton Church CE Primary School has achieved a Gold Award in the Sainsbury's School Games Mark initiative created by the Department of Culture, Media and Sport and implemented and developed by the Youth Sport Trust and Sport England.

The initiative rewards schools for their commitment to and the development of competition, school sport and physical education. Its aim is to motivate and inspire millions of young people across the country to take part in more competitive school sport.

Jon Lane from the West Lancashire School Sports Partnership presented the award.

Staff at the school in Long Lane run a range of extra–curricular sport clubs including cricket, football, hockey, bench ball, basketball, netball, tag rugby, running, dance, gymnastics, key games skills and orienteering.

Deputy headteacher, Mr Kennedy, said: "It's fantastic for the school to receive this award, but most importantly for the staff and children to receive recognition for their hard–work. In addition to our sporting clubs, many of our children attend events representing the school and have achieved some outstanding success in a variety of competitions."

School pals raise £300 for Comic Relief

THE young fundraisers.

A GROUP of schoolgirls got into the spirit of Red Nose Day by dressing up to stage a couple of fundraising events which netted more than £300 for Comic Relief.

Five of the girls – who are all pupils at Tarleton Mere Brow CE Primary School – took part in a sponsored four–mile fun run, while the other two held a sale of lost golf balls which they had collected while dog–walking to players at a local club.

Grace Ashcroft–Hore, Ellie Curley, Katie Sharples, Dani Webster and Maddie Coakley each completed two laps of a two–mile route that they planned through the Leisure Lakes Golf Club.

And Alice Ashcroft –Hore and Heidi Mallinson sold golf balls to golfers on the course to boost the total which has already topped £300.

As part of Red Nose Day's 'Make Your Face Funny For Money' initiative this year, fundraisers were also asked to paint their faces, so the girls did the run wearing a funny red plastic nose or with their faces painted to look like cats!

Grace Ashcroft– Hore's mum, Jenni, said: "I'm really proud of all of the girls but particularly proud of Grace as she organised this by herself using the Comic Relief web site. The girls practiced during lunch breaks and had a trial run earlier in February to map out a route.

"We'd like to say a big thank–you to everyone who sponsored the girls and the Leisure Lake Golf course who allowed us to collect for the sale of the golf balls.

"I think the girls are already planning something bigger for next year."

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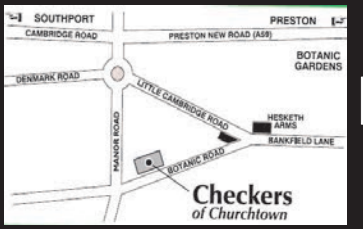

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Anger over plans to alter bus route

Report by **Henry James**

Passengers face longer walk from new stop to hospital

ANGRY bus users have slammed plans by Arriva to alter the route of the 375/385 Southport to Wigan service.

As part of the changes, to be implemented from Sunday, March 29, the service will no longer stop outside Southport Hospital on Town Lane.

Instead, the nearest stop to the hospital will be on Scrarisbick New Road, leaving people who use the service to get to the hospital facing a longer walk.

The bus company have also been accused of failing to give passengers adequate notice of the changes.

Barbara Garner, from Laburnum Drive, Skelmersdale, said she heard about the changes from a driver when she went to visit her husband in hospital.

She fumed: "I think it is disgusting that they are changing the stops. Apparently, after you get off the bus at Scarisbrick New Road, you can get to the hospital via a back entrance, but how many people know about that?

"Currently the bus stops right outside the hospital but from the end of this month people will have further to go."

Eric Daish from Westhead added: "It's not right that they are making the changes as the service is well used by people going to the hospital or the doctor's surgery.

"To get to the hospital from Scarisbrick New Road you have to travel along a path and there is a chance people may get wheelchairs stuck in the brambles by the path.

"Also, they would also have to cross over Scarisbrick New Road to catch the bus back and it may be difficult if they are pushing a wheelchair."

Ken Davies from Ormskirk commented: "What is happening to one of our major bus route services 375/385 Wigan to Southport? From March 29 they will no longer call at Southport Hospital main stop.

"People from Up Holland, Skelmersdale, Westhead, Ormskirk and all the stops in between, who rely on the service, will have to get off on Scarisbrick New Road and have a very much longer walk to get to the hospital. Surely the 385 could call as usual and the 375 carry on to Southport?"

Arriva confirmed that the services 375/385 will no longer serve Town Lane in either direction and instead continue from Southport Road on to Scarisbrick New Road.

The company held a public information event in Southport last Saturday (March 14).

A spokesperson for Arriva Merseyside said: "There will be changes to the Southport Arriva bus network from Sunday, March 29. The changes are being introduced to provide more direct bus links, improve reliability and will include serving Kew Retail Park and continuing to serve Central 12 – reflecting the changing shopping and travel habits in the area.

"Over the coming weeks these changes will be publicised locally, including a new network map in the Champion the week before the changes come into effect.

"Our customers are also welcome to call into our office on Eastbank Street, Southport for more information."

Meanwhile, Jonathan Parry, chief executive of Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust, said: "Arriva has not consulted the trust about changes to the bus services serving Southport and Formby District General Hospital.

"The quality of access off Scarisbrick New Road to the hospital via a cycle path is particularly concerning given many of our patients are frail and vulnerable.

"I know these unwelcome changes will concern many people and I am writing to Sefton Council highlighting the need for improved signage and lighting."

Brave Jackie's journey from trauma to triumph

Report by **Henry James**

HEARD the one about the stand–up comedian with one leg?

No, it's not a joke but the remarkable story of how one woman refused to let a life–changing disability 'break' her and instead turned the trauma of losing a limb into something positive.

Comedian and performance poet Jackie Hagan went into hospital in the summer of 2013 with a sore toe and emerged five months later with her right leg amputated.

Now the rainbow–haired 33–year–old, originally from Old Skelmersdale, has written a comedy show based on her experiences entitled 'Some People Have Too Many Legs' which is currently on a tour of the UK.

Jackie first went to A&E at her local hospital after suffering increasing pain from a toe on her right foot. She said: "The toe went bright white and it really hurt and I had to keep going to A&E. Then, after a few visits they kept me in and they found that a spasm had caused a cluster of blood clots in the main artery in my right leg. The doctors were worried that it would lead to other blood clots and that's when they decided to do the amputation."

The trauma of losing a leg could easily have sent Jackie into a spiral of depression or self–pity but instead she used the experience to turn her life around.

Jackie Hagan

"During my stay in hospital I was off my head with morphine and around this time I asked myself if the situation was going to break or make me. I decided it would make me and made a conscious decision not to go on the slippery slope of self–pity. I wrote the comedy show as a way of helping me get through this difficult period.

"I found the situation so weird and absurd and I met many characters in the hospital – including a 72–year–old called Edna, who hated everything and everyone. She couldn't stand me but I thought she was very gutsy.

"Then there was Babs the nurse who kept everyone upbeat. She was like a ray of sunshine – she helped everyone get through whatever it was they were in hospital for."

A former pupil at Our Lady Queen of Peace High School, Jackie was just 19 when she left Skelmersdale, although her mum and brother still live in the town.

Today she lives in Manchester and works on a project with isolated adults in the city – that is when she's not on her tour which involves puppets, special effects, a very glittery false leg (that lights up!) and a lot of irreverence and 'grown–up' humour.

Jackie decided not to have "one of those false legs that have skin that's not quite skin–coloured" but opted to create her own decoration from bits off her bedroom floor including sequins, buttons and even her backdoor key for when she came home drunk and had misplaced her keys!

She also dresses her stump up as various celebrities for followers of her social media site online to guess who it is. Among those she has 'impersonated' have been Marilyn Monroe, Ziggy Stardust and the man off the Go Compare adverts.

And she concluded: "It's certainly been a bit of a ride but I have taken the positives from it and grown up loads."

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Civic seal on air cadets' glittering achievements

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Doreen Stephenson presented the awards at the Ormskirk Air Cadet Squadron presentation evening. Code1078220

MAYOR of West Lancashire, Councillor Doreen Stephenson, was guest of honour when the 1026 Ormskirk Royal Air Force Air Cadet Squadron held their annual presentation evening at Ormskirk Civic Hall.

A glittering array of trophies were on display at the Southport Road venue as cadets celebrated their achievements over the past year.

Cllr. Stephenson presented the cadets with a range of accolades including Duke of Edinburgh awards, Business and Technology Education Council (BTEC) awards in aviation studies, flying & gliding scholarships and awards for representing the local area in sports.

Cadet Warrant Officer, Kieran Scarth, 19, said: "It was an excellent evening that really summed up the squadron's achievements throughout the last year."

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Developers trying to usurp local democracy

OVER the last three years Aughton residents, like others in the borough, have suffered disruption and anxiety as the council drove through the removal of high–grade agricultural land in Parrs Lane from the protection of its green belt status.

After a lengthy process, including a public hearing with a government planning inspector, the borough council voted through the Local Plan for 2015–2027. Parrs Lane was removed from the green belt and categorised as a safeguarded Plan B site only to be brought into the planning process if, at various review points, the Local Plan is failing to deliver its housing targets.

The first review point is 2017 and we have been advised that the council is currently on track to meet that housing target and will not need to invoke Plan B sites. As the next review is not scheduled until 2022, residents felt confident that for a reasonable period of time, five or six years minimum, we would at least have some stability and enjoy our countryside while it remains.

Members of the Aughton Residents Group knew from their research that developers would not give up their ambitions to turn productive farmland into a goldmine, but we thought we might at least have a few years grace while they cooked up some excuse to override both the council and local community.

This week Redrow and then Wainhomes decided that the local residents did not deserve any period of peace and tranquility and hand–posted leaflets telling us they intend to submit a planning applications for 400 dwellings to be built on the land. They can't even let us have a few years until the review in 2017 – their desire to make money whatever the impact overrides everything else.

They will attempt to package the move as one of altruism, about providing much–needed housing for the people of Aughton or affordable homes for those otherwise unable to afford them.

Does anyone really think Aughton needs 400 extra houses? On average figures that means an extra 1,600–plus people and an extra 700 to 800 motor vehicles driving on to Long Lane and Prescott Road.

Does anyone really expect them to provide the required 35% affordable housing on a prime site like Parrs Lane? Experience in other areas suggests that once plans are approved there is minimal enforcement when developers reduce the affordable housing.

I opposed the removal of any designated green belt Land within the Local Plan and remain convinced it is unnecessary. I am annoyed that developers can disrupt the lives of our community once again, purely in the pursuit of profit. But I am even more incensed that they can make a hostile application trying to usurp the Local Plan but more importantly the democratic process and localism.

David Willman,
Aughton Residents Group (2012)

Independent reports found fracking risks are 'minimal'

I WOULD like to respond to a number of letters in a recent issue of your publication.

In the UK we have been safely producing oil and gas onshore for more than 100 years. Recently the potential to produce natural gas through hydraulic fracturing has been much in the news.

Our industry – specifically hydraulic fracturing – has been subject to a number of independent reports by eminent UK institutions over the last two years, including Public Health England, Royal Society and Royal Academy of Engineering, Chartered Institution of Water and Environmental Management and a group of independent academics on behalf of the Scottish Government.

All concluded that, in a strong regulatory framework as already exists in the UK, any risks are both manageable and minimal. No credible foundation for the much–cited increased risk of water contamination was identified by these studies.

85% of our homes depend on natural gas for heating, cooking and for the chemical industry, on which a large number of North West jobs depend.

In addition, about 30% of our electricity currently comes from gas and this is set to increase as coal use declines. In all scenarios, including those with increased renewables, gas will form a mainstay of the UK's balanced energy mix for many decades.

North Sea gas production is falling and if the UK is to avoid an increased import bill for gas it's imperative the country uses its own sources, including shale gas.

The development of the UK shale gas industry will provide a much–needed boost to the economy, in particular in the North West, stimulating industry and providing jobs.

Ken Cronin,
chief executive, UK Onshore Oil and Gas

PICTURE of the week

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Tribute on the wall

Pupils from Ormskirk's West End primary school chat to West Lancashire Mayor Councillor Doreen Stephenson and Mayoress Councillor Ruth Melling when they visited the wall of ceramic poppies created by the children as a memorial to those who gave their lives serving in the First World War. Picture by Martyn Snape.

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Time for Nimbys to face the facts

STEPHEN Bennett's letter (February 11) 'A layman's answer to fracking questions' was well–researched and factual with 10 anwers given to fracking questions.

I trust all the–ill informed Nimbys will have read it and now shut up.

The USA, by using shale gas, are able to sell more of their own oil and thereby drive down the international price.

Have any Champ readers wondered why pump price petrol has reduced?

Graham Walker,
Dorchester Road, Up Holland

Cheaper bills hope is wishful thinking

MANY people who are pro–fracking seem to think it means cheaper energy bills and less reliance on outside (potentially hostile) providers.

Although fracking may have been cost–efficient in the US, in Europe expert views suggest that the costs involved will be up to 50% higher because we have a less–accessible geology and much higher population density.

Bloomberg New Energy Finance say that hopes of shale gas cutting energy prices in the UK are just "wishful thinking."

Even the former Tory energy minister Charles Hendry has written that "betting the farm on shale brings serious risks of future price rises".

I agree we want cheaper energy and to be able to source it from the UK but renewables are by far the better way of doing this. We need to invest in tidal, wind and solar energy.

Why are we even considering fracking with all its inherent risks and greenhouse gases?

Janine Melvin,
Ormskirk

Come on, let's all make a stand against town's litter problem

I HAVE just been on a voluntary litter–pick together with a few others, on the footpath off Old Boundary Way, Ormskirk. In an hour or so, we filled about 20 bags full of rubbish between that road and the rear of Stocks Hall Care Home.

This is a daily route for parents and toddlers, schoolchildren and people walking to and from the station – as well as dog walkers and others.

I'm sure they all hate the situation too. It was obvious from the many supportive remarks we received as we worked, what a problem litter is for many in this town. It is also dangerous for children and animals – we picked up lots of broken glass bottles, etc.

Later, walking back on the path from the bus station to the train station I was appalled to see, with fresh eyes, just how badly that footpath, too, is strewn with rubbish. (When you have just done a litter–pick you look with renewed interest at other places!).

And the rubbish lining most of our paths, green spaces and elsewhere, is there for all to see, throughout the town. Surely visitors to Ormskirk don't like it either. It might make some think twice about coming.

I am sure there are many more people in our town who abhor this dreadful situation. Most of us don't want to live or work in a rubbish dump.

Couldn't we all make a stand against it? This seems to be a very local community problem which the council with limited funds can never solve alone.

Ormskirk could do with more and larger bins and some 'in–your–face' posters around, strongly urging people to bin their rubbish or take it home.

But more than that, it could do with everyone who cares about this problem helping to keep their own local spaces clear – perhaps with some regular neighbourhood litter–picks. It is actually quite a sociable hour or so to spend.

Margaret Banks,
Ormskirk

What's happening to our bus service?

WHAT is happening to one of our major bus route services, the 375/385 Wigan to Southport?

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Surely the 385 could call as usual and the 375 carry on to Southport?

Ken Davies, Calder Avenue, Ormskirk

Shelter would be nice

THE regeneration of Ormskirk's town centre is very welcome.

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Joan Singleton, Millers Court, Ormskirk

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Grant bid success for county scheme to protect victims of domestic abuse

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

A COUNTY–wide community partnership has been granted £750,0000 to invest in a scheme which aims to better protect domestic abuse victims.

Lancashire County Council led a partnership with all 12 district councils in the county, as well as the charitable organisations that provide domestic violence services in each district, to submit a joint partnership delivery bid.

The bid was for part of the £10million pledged by the government nationally for accommodation–based domestic abuse service provision.

The partnership's bid was the second largest successful bid in the country, awarded more than £750,000 to extend the provision of emergency and temporary accommodation, advocacy and support to women and children escaping abuse in the county.

Together the joint partnership applied to the Department for Communities and Local Government for funding to strengthen Lancashire's refuge services by increasing capacity, creating new 'safe house' provision and increasing support from specialist services.

Support

County Councillor Tony Martin, Lancashire's cabinet member for adult and community services, said: "We're extremely proud to have led on this county–wide bid for services to support some of the most vulnerable members in our society.

"Demand is high for this service and often families have reached a critical point before seeking help. We want to be able to help more of them, more often, and now we will be able to do so."

The new grant will increase capacity to a total of 294 bed spaces within refuge and safe house provision across the whole of Lancashire. There are plans to intensify support in settings so that women with the most complex needs can be accommodated and supported.

There will also be specialist children's workers who will focus helping children and young people who have lived in a situation of domestic abuse.

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Deputy leader defends decision to leave budget meeting early

Report by **Henry James**

THE deputy leader of West Lancs Council has defended his decision to leave last month's full meeting of the council before the housing budget had been agreed.

Councillor Paul Greenall left the meeting on Wednesday, February 25, which had started at 7.30pm, at around 11.20pm, before all the decisions had been finalised, as he had to be in Scotland for a work–related meeting at 9am the following day.

His decision was criticised by Labour councillor Neil Furey who said: "For the council's deputy leader to walk out early before such an important meeting as deciding council budgets is unbelievable.

"Is it that he doesn't care about council housing services budget or that he hasn't got the stamina for the late–night meetings and the tough decisions?

"You'd expect the deputy leader of the council to be present to decide on council budgets and spending priorities."

However, Cllr. Greenall responded: "My full–time employment is in the NHS and the day after the full council meeting – Thursday, February 26 – I had a very important work–related meeting that I had to attend in Scotland.

"Because the meeting was to start at 9am the next morning I had a hotel booked nearby. Having a full council meeting the night before I had no option but to drive the 220–plus miles to Falkirk afterwards.

"The council meeting began at 7.30pm and had members of the Labour group not wasted half the evening shouting, finger–pointing and retreating into a room to talk among themselves, the agenda items would easily have been dealt with before 11pm when council meetings must normally end.

"Mindful of the important items on the agenda I stayed at the meeting for as long as I felt I could, conscious that I had a long drive to complete once the meeting was finished. At 11pm members decided to continue the meeting. I remained until about 11.20pm when, with the leader's agreement, I left to drive to Scotland.

"I take my position as an elected member of West Lancashire Borough Council very seriously indeed and this is the first time since being elected in 2001 that I have ever left a full council meeting before it had finished."

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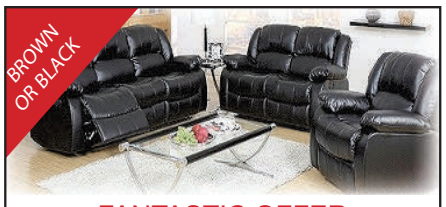

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Scheme has helped 2,600 'troubled' families in Lancashire

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

The Troubled Families programme ha helped more than 2,600 famliies in Lancashire according to government figures.

MORE than 2,600 families in Lancashire have been helped by a scheme aimed at the most disadvantaged homes in the North West, according to government figures.

It is claimed the Troubled Families programme has 'turned around' more than 105,000 of the hardest to help households in England, including more than 17,000 in the North West, while 2,611 families in Lancashire were given support provided by local authority teams.

The scheme aims to get children back into school, put adults in employment or on a path back to work and cut youth crime and anti–social behaviour across the whole household.

'Turned around' means all children have been back in school for a year when they were previously truant or excluded; youth crime and anti–social behaviour has been significantly cut across the whole family; or an adult in the home has moved off benefits and into work for three consecutive months or more.

The figures were revealed in a report, 'The Benefits of the Troubled Families Programme to the Taxpayer' released by the Department for Communities and Local Government on last week.

The government invested £448 million in the project and local authorities are paid up to £4,000 on a payment–by–results basis for turning around troubled families.

The three–year budget for 2012 to 2015 is drawn from six Whitehall departments who all stand to benefit from the public sector working more effectively with troubled families.

The average gross cost saving to the taxpayer per troubled family was put at £12,000.

Head of the Troubled Families programme, Louise Casey, said: "Behind these figures are real people in every part of the country whose lives have changed for the better.

"Families with nine serious problems each were never going to be easy to turn around, so all credit to the councils and other services who have committed to this programme, the many hundreds of frontline staff who have given their all to these families and most of all to the families who have had the courage to change and given themselves and their children a better chance in life than they had before."

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Mayor attends dementia awareness day

MAYOR of West Lancs, Councillor Doreen Stephenson attended the annual day of prayer and awareness of dementia at Cardinal Heenan House care home in Roby Mill, Up Holland.

Residents' family members were invited to join in an opportunity to pray, listen to peoples' experiences and chat together.

During the day there were also scripture and non–scripture readings led by Catholic and non–Catholic clergy and parishioners from local churches.

Father Stephen Beale, priest at Cardinal Heenan House, was among the speakers while Bishop Vincent Malone held mass at 6pm.

Visitors were also able to chat with staff and residents and enjoy refreshments and leaflets about dementia awareness from Age UK and the Alzheimer Society were available.

Residents of the home enjoyed activities including baking, Easter and mother's day crafts, gardening and planting, pampering and well–being, puzzles and games, sensory music activities and a sing–a–long.

Father Stephen Beale of Cardinal Heenan House welcomes West Lancs Mayor Cllr. Doreen Stephenson and Mayoress Bea Brooks to the Dementia Awareness event. Code1078682

Carol Hurst, welfare secretary at Cardinal Heenan House, said: "More and more residents suffer from dementia and the aim of the event is to raise awareness of the condition and to show what help is out there.

A collection was held on the day for Pastoral Care Project charity which promotes prayer and awareness of dementia.

Call for more electric car charging points in borough

ROSIE Cooper is calling for the installation of more electric car charging bays across West Lancashire.

The MP was contacted by a constituent who owns electric vehicles pointing out the lack of charging bays in the borough and was prompted to write to Lancashire County Council and West Lancs Council about the issue.

She has also written to Tesco and Asda who both have large stores and car parks in the area.

While the supermarkets are still some way off offering charging bays at their stores in West Lancs, the borough council has confirmed that they will be installing charging points at the car park at Derby Street, Ormskirk; at West Lancashire Investment Centre, Skelmersdale; and in the car park adjacent to Smithy Walk, Burscough.

A council spokesman said: "Orders have been placed for the works and we anticipate that these will be completed within the next couple of months."

Lancashire County Council were unsuccessful in bidding for some of the £500m of government funding made available to support the Ultra Low Emissions Vehicle market. They said that they were including plans to support electric cars in their next local transport plan.

County Councillor John Fillis, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, commented: "The county council has waited to see how the electric vehicle market developed to make sure that our limited resources were not spent on a network of charging points that were underused and potentially out–of–date when the electric car market did finally take off.

"However, that tipping point has now been reached, with record sales of electric cars being recorded quarter by quarter. Because of this, we are now actively seeking funding for infrastructure and other support measures for electric vehicles across the county, particularly in areas where congestion is an issue."

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Charity's free trees scheme benefits community groups

By Danielle Thompson

THREE community groups in West Lancashire have received free trees as part of a national project.

Leading conservation charity the Woodland Trust is giving away 3,000 free tree packs across the UK to improve the amount of tree cover nationally.

The Friends of Richmond Park in Burscough, Downholland Parish Council in Haskayne and New Shoots Perma Culture Community Garden at Hesketh Bank were all given packs as part of the charity's Centenary Woods project, which aims to plant millions of trees across the UK by the end of the year to commemorate the First World War.

Groups applying for a community pack receive up to 420 trees while schools can apply for a minimum of 30 trees to plant in their school grounds.

A spokesman for the charity said: "All those who made sacrifices in the First World War did so in the hope of securing a brighter future for the next generation. We can't think of a better way to give thanks than by doing the same, so we're creating thousands of acres of life–giving woodland as a legacy for the whole country."

The packs have been funded by the charity's partners Sainsbury's, Ikea Family and Biffa Award, WH Smith, Wilko and players of the People's Postcode Lottery.

Lancashire lags behind the rest of the country, with just 6.5% tree cover compared to the national average of 13%.

The trees will capture carbon, create homes for wildlife, provide oxygen, improve air quality and can provide sustainable fuel.

John Tucker, the Woodland Trust's woodland creation director, said: "It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm for the free tree packs. It takes just 10 years for trees to grow well above head–height so communities could be enjoying the rewards sooner than you'd think, as well as creating a lasting, living legacy for future generations.

"Currently the UK has significantly less woodland cover than the rest of Europe. Communities' efforts to plant in their own localities to benefit the people who live there is admirable and helps us work toward our target of doubling native woodland cover."

Free tree packs will also be available this autumn. Interested schools and community groups can find out more by visiting www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/freetrees or by emailing communitytrees@woodlandtrust.org.uk

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Freemasons' helping hand for air ambulance

Report by **Henry James**

THE West Lancashire Masonic Freemasons have donated funds to the North West Air Ambulance to help renovate the charity's trailer which will aid the organisation to build awareness in the region and attend more fundraising events.

The trailer was originally donated by the Freemasons in 2004 and the latest donation came from the West Lancashire Masonic Freemasons' charity fund which is generated through members' donations.

The trailer will allow the charity to raise awareness of its lifesaving work across the North West region and attend events regardless of the weather.

Thanks to the refurbishment members of the public will be able to come in and meet the team, learn about the charity and discuss ways that they could help.

Louise Lloyd from the North West Air Ambulance said:"We'd like to thank the West Lancashire Freemasons for their continued support over the past 11 years, firstly with providing the funds for the trailer and now for helping to keep it in action.

"As a charity that is totally reliant on public donations, it is important that we have the trailer so we can raise visibility of the charity across the North West."

The charity is currently looking for both HGV drivers and volunteers to help with the trailer. If you are interested and would like further information call 0800 587 4570 or email fundraising@nwaa.net

Groups' musical union

TWO musical ensembles are teaming up for the first time to present a Festival of Song with a family flavour.

The spring concert, featuring Ormskirk Music Society, led by Ian Shirley, and Wigan Community Choir, led by his wife, Imelda Shirley, will be held at St John the Baptish Church, School Lane, Burscough on Saturday, March 28 starting at 7.30pm.

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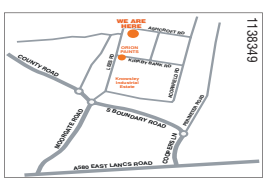

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ONE of Ormskirk's longest–established businesses is set to leave the town after more than 100 years.

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Warehousing and distribution for flooring will be transferred to the group's national distribution centre in Oswestry, Shropshire and a new group commercial centre will be created in Chester.

The 15 members of staff currently employed at the Ormskirk site will be offered the option of relocating to one or other of those branches.

The plans are due to come into operation by September.

Archwood Group chief executive, Steve Underhill, said: "We appreciate this is not good news for Ormskirk but in today's highly–competitive home improvement market we have to be as efficient as possible and consolidating our operations is the best way to ensure that the Atkinson & Kirby brand, which dates back to 1902, has a strong future for the next 100 years."

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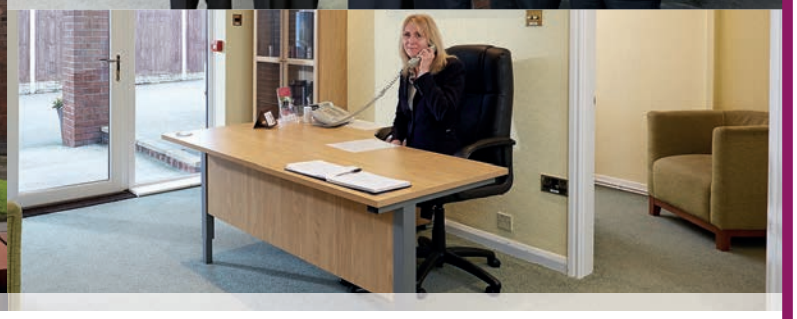

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The eighth 'Rockin' at The YPC' revival night will be staged at Ormskirk Civic Hall on Friday, April 10 featuring bands that performed at the town's youth club in the 1960s, 70s and 80s.

They will be teaming up again to raise funds for Stand Up To Cancer, a campaign run by Cancer Research UK, and the stillborn and neonatal death charity, Sands.

Scheduled peformers on the night include resident bands The Blue Chips, Shooter and Ian & the Rebels, as well as rhythm and blues band Alligator Joe.

Ritchie Thompson, guitarist with Alligator Joe, was also a member of Ormskirk bands The Shards and White Pepper, who both performed at the YPC, and also The Bob Wilson Band, throughout the 1960s and 70s.

He grew up on Hants Lane in Ormskirk, very close to the original YPC, where he was a regular.

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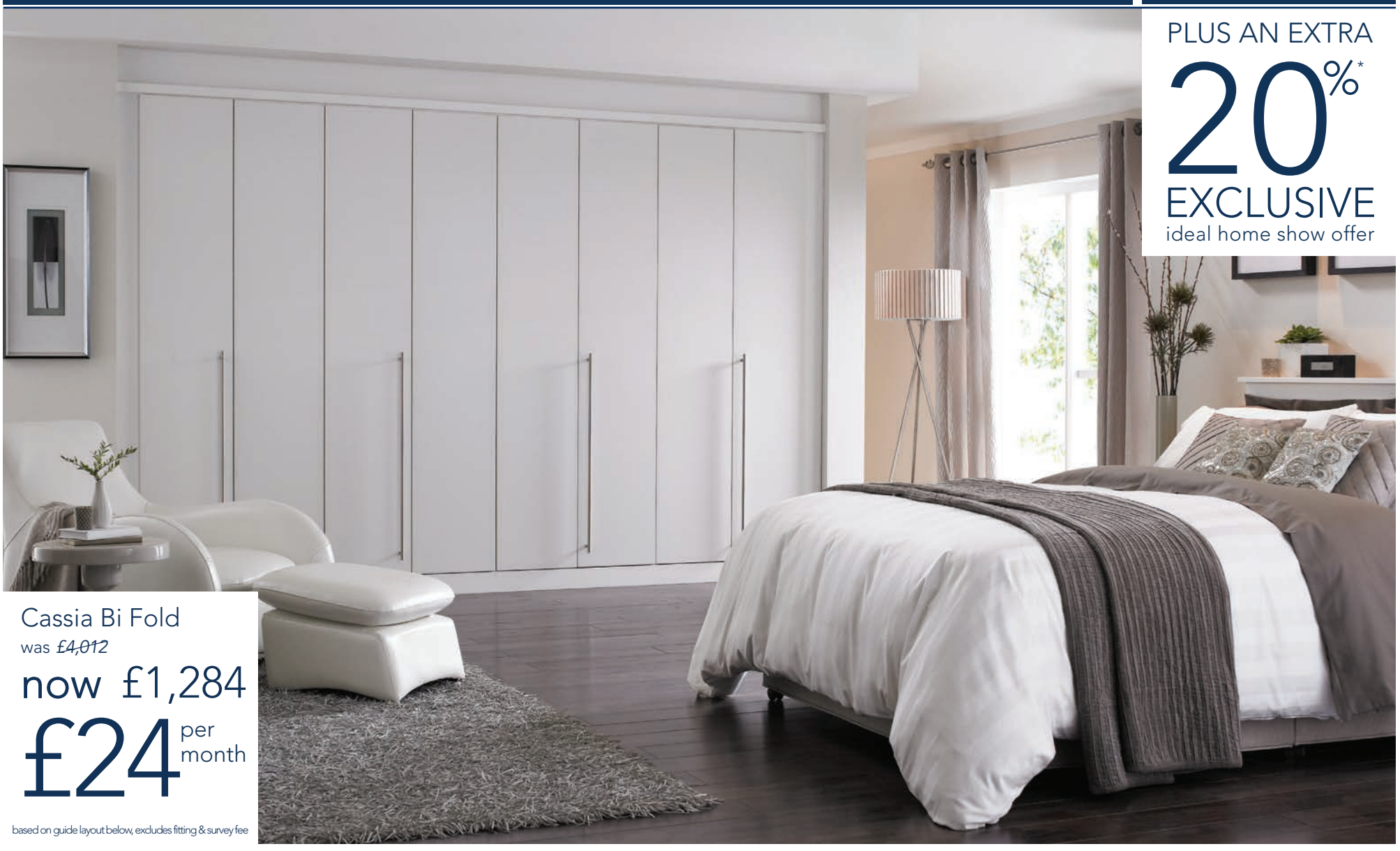

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Region's women urged to speak up about heart disease

THE British Heart Foundation has encouraged women in the North West to share their stories of heart disease as part of their campaign, Women with Heart, to raise awareness of cardiovascular disease.

Cardiovascular conditions, including coronary heart disease and strokes, kill thousands of women in the UK every year. Latest figures for 2010–12 show that more than 10,000 women died in the North West from heart conditions, including more than 150 from West Lancashire.

Despite this, the charity says that too many people still stereotype heart conditions as a man's problem, despite coronary heart disease killing nearly three times as many women as breast cancer.

Residents are urged to share stories about those who are making a unique contribution in the fight against heart and circulatory disease.

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For me the TV election debate will be a turn–off

AM I, I wonder, the only person in the country who doesn't care a fig about whether 'Call me Dave' our Prime Minister appears on a televised debate before the General Election?

And as for this ludicrous idea by the Leader of Her Majesty's opposition that TV debates should be made compulsory by law – well the mind boggles. Or at least mine does.

I suppose with the rise of interactive TV sets it won't be long before some bright spark decides there should be a law also to ensure that we plebs watch this peculiarly boring spectacle too.

Perhaps somebody can enlighten me as to why we should watch these stage–managed and quite obviously (hopefully) well rehearsed debates anyway? Has the Great British Electorate forgotten the 'debate' before the last General Election. You know, the debate in which Nick Clegg quite clearly won the contest.

Had the election been held five minutes after the studio lights faded, we should have been 'enjoying' a Government in the charge of the Liberal Democrats by now.

And are public memories so short as to have forgotten the Scottish Home Rule televised debates?

These 'debates' get us nowhere. Yes, they fit in nicely with the culture of the 'Celebrity' – phone in and vote for who you think would make the best sounding PM.

In terms of learning about what any party might do when in office they are largely a waste of time since they always degenerate into who can think on the hoof quick enough to make the most amusing retort.

Yes, we learn a lot (as if we didn't already know) about the supposed failings of the incumbent Government. And a lot more about why they did what they did as a result of what some other Government did five, 10, 20 years ago.

We might be given promises (someone might, perhaps, say they would scrap student tuition fees) but promises are made just to be broken – and after all, it's always the fault of undisclosed failings by the previous, administration, or perhaps the one before that.

But of course, the TV companies love something like a televised debate. A cheap way of assuring big viewing figures at very little cost – and no come–back on them if the script is a bit ropey or the main characters muddle up their lines.

It's a sort of live cross between a game show and 'I'm the Prime Minister (or prospective Prime Minister) Get Me Out of Here'.

Why don't they open the phone lines and let us, the electorate, let us vote for which we think would be the best PM? The one with the smartest suit, or the best line in 'off the cuff put–you–downs.

Seriously, what on earth do any of us expect or hope we will learn from these made up clowns putting on a 30–minute popularity contest.

I can't remember exactly what time this debate was on last time round (though I bet it doesn't clash with European football).

Personally though, I would rather watch Emmerdale – or for that matter a selection of old Crossroads episodes (they were at least funny in their amateurish presentation).

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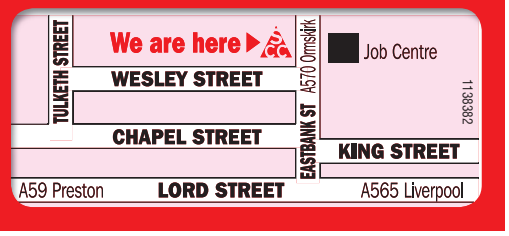

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Call to honour our 'unsung heroes'

Report by **Henry James**

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That's the message from the Queen's representative who is urging people to nominate fellow residents of the Red Rose county for national honours.

The county currently receives a lower than average number of honours, based on the size of its population, and Lord Shuttleworth KCVO, the Lord–Lieutenant of Lancashire, wants to encourage people to make a nomination through the honours system.

He said: "We all know that there are people in Lancashire who are doing wonderful things and deserve to be recognised with an honour, but they have to be nominated first.

"The honours system recognises individuals who have made life better for others or who are outstanding at what they do and have demonstrated exceptional service and achievement – people who go beyond their job.

"Anyone can nominate and you can do it online, using the honours system website.

"I'd urge people to think about someone they know, including young people, and whether they would be deserving of recognition."

Nominations should be made while the nominee is still active.

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To nominate someone, go online and visit www.gov.uk/honours; or alternatively ring 0207 276 2777.

Heritage group talk at golf club

WEST Lancashire Heritage Association will host a talk by author, Duncan Scott, entitled 'Urban Cowboys and the Cowhouse of Liverpool' tonight (Wednesday, March 18) at Hurlston Hall Golf Club starting at 7.30pm.

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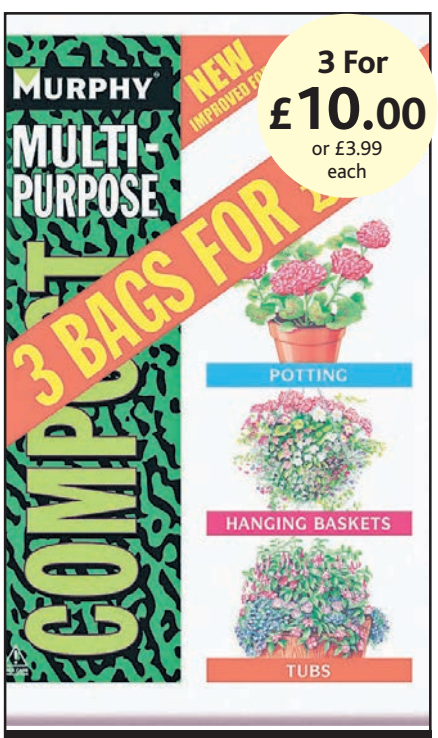

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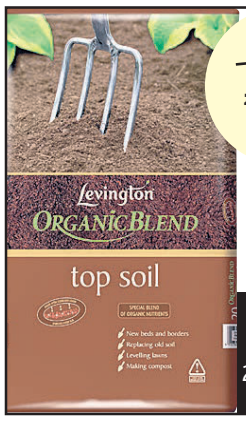

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Renewed warning over bogus police officer phone scam

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

POLICE have reissued a warning about a telephone scam that has tricked more than 60 victims in Lancashire into parting with money.

Since December around £11,000 has been stolen from unsuspecting members of the public in the county – mainly pensioners.

In each instance the victim has been contacted by phone by someone purporting to be a police officer.

The story used by the offenders appears to change slightly each time but all involve the caller saying that the victim has been targeted for some sort of crime relating to their bank or bank card.

The victim is then asked for their bank account details or they are asked to transfer a substantial amount of money to a 'safe' account.

In some instances the householder is asked to withdraw funds from the relevant account as it needs to be checked for fingerprinting by a 'police officer' who then attends the victim's address and takes their money.

The offenders have targeted residents mainly aged in their 70s and 80s.

Detective Inspector Martin Melvin said: "These are despicable crimes against vulnerable, elderly victims. While this has happened across the country, people in Lancashire are falling victim to this scam and I would like to remind people to be vigilant and if you get this type of phone call, report it to the police and/ or your bank before transferring any money into another account or agreeing to hand any of your cash over.

"People who commit these offences will often target the elderly posing as officials to gain their confidence and trust. No police officer or other official body will ever ask for your bank details or would ever ask you to withdraw or transfer funds.

"If you have an elderly friend or relative, please let them know this is happening so they can avoid becoming a potential victim.

"We are working with colleagues throughout Lancashire and the rest of the country and will do everything we can to track down the heartless criminals committing these offences, defrauding people, in some cases out of their life savings.

"If you have any information about these incidents or suspect that you may have fallen victim to a similar deception then please contact the police or Action Fraud."

Anybody with information can contact police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or online at Crimestoppers–uk.org.

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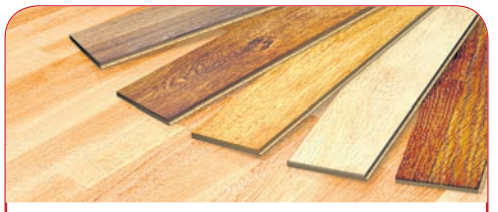

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Talent search set to start

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AUDITIONS for this year's Aughton's Got Talent show will be held on Mondays from 3 to 6pm at Aughton Village Hall, Winifred Lane starting next week, March 23.

Organiser, Dr David Gallagher who launched the contest in 2012 with former music teacher Eunice Woofe, is hoping that the 2015 event will raise £2,000 for this year's chosen charity, MacMillan Cancer Support.

Dr Gallagher said: "Gill Wilson, fundraising manager at MacMillan Cancer Support, is excited about this year's event and is helping driving forward the fundraising and we're hoping to attract some great new sponsors this year.

"In the past we have received raffle prizes and Everton FC helped us greatly two years running by providing a tour for four around Goodison Park, plus a signed photo of Phil Jagielka."

They are also hoping to attract some new acts. "Usually we have soloists, classical performers, musicians and bands but this hope to see some jugglers, comedians, dancers or novelty acts – anything that is fun for the whole family.

"As usual, there will be medals for the first, second and third–placed performers and consolation prizes for all contestants."

Acts who can't make the auditions on a Monday can contact Dr Gallagher on 01695 421158 to try to arrange an alternative date.

The final will be held in September.

What a load of rubbish...

Volunteers with the rubbish they collected from the footpath between Old Boundary Way and Nursery Avenue

VOLUNTEERS gave up their time to join a weekend litter–pick along a well–used footpath.

The event was organised by members of the recently–formed Our West Lancashire group on the path between Old Boundary Way and Nursery Avenue in Ormskirk. The path is used by parents and toddlers, schoolchildren and people walking to and from Ormskirk railway station and the volunteers collected a total of 20 bags of rubbish.

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County's youth council develop app to help with relationships

YOUNG people can now get relationship advice and support from a new smart–phone app, stiritapp, developed by members of the Lancashire Youth Council working with their counterparts from across Europe.

The app and webpage, http://stiritup.eu/ use stories and quizzes to encourage young people to think about positive ways to work their way through difficult relationships, as well as offering support and advice.

The app is available to download free for Android at: http://stiritup.eu/app–and–resources/.

The youth council members and groups of young people from Norway, Bulgaria, Cyprus and Italy worked with researchers to develop the app and websites. All of the stories and quizzes used are based on research with other young people.

They also helped to design questionnaires that were completed by 4,500 teenagers from across Europe, as well as England, to make sure the information used is relevant

County Councillor Matthew Tomlinson, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "This work is important as we need to do all we can to keep our young people safe, and this includes the relationships they have.

"The work is based on their own perceptions on violence and abuse in relationships, as well as what they think a proper relationship should be like.

"Their own thoughts have influenced the development of the app. Hopefully both this and the website will help any young person who is trying to find out what to do to get help to stop any abusive relationship."

Drumming up support for World Thinking Day

RAINBOWS, Brownies and Guides from Ormskirk West district took part in a range of activities – including jewellery–making, singing, playing the drums and dancing – to mark World Thinking Day.

The day is an opportunity for the 10million Guides and Girl Scouts in 145 countries to think about the diversity of the worldwide membership and show appreciation for each other's lives.

District commissioner, Sue Kerrigan, said: "Thinking Day is a great time for all the different sections in our district to come together and have some fun at the same time as thinking about people across the globe. At our event this year we have started a project collecting items that can be used in an area in Africa."

A pair of Rainbows try out the drums on World Thinking Day

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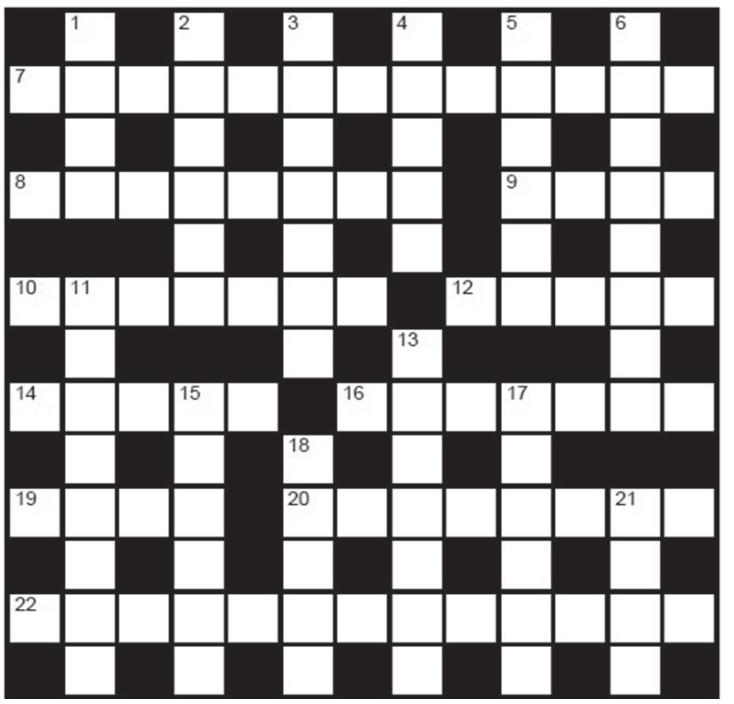

ACROSS

7 Monet was the founder of this French art movement (13)
8 Lively or playful (of a human), nervous (of an animal) (8)
9 Ramble, wander (4)
10 In need of a drink (7)
12 Acknowledge truth or responsibility (5)
14 Below, beneath (5)
16 Period of rest (7)
19 Second letter of Greek alphabet (4)
20 All the people (8)
22 Merrymaking (13)

DOWN

1 To act in a frenzied manner is to run? (4)
2 Author (6)
3 Short-sleeved casual tops (1-6)
4 Supple (5)
5 Existing from birth (6)
6 Person who writes short literary articles (8)
11 Sycophantic follower, toady (6-2)
13 Implore, entreat (7)
15 Make possible (6)
17 Mexican cactus or the drug prepared from it (6)
18 Cricketer Ian Botham's nickname (5)
21 Midday (4)

Last week's solutions:
Across: 7 Educated guess. 8 Belittle. 9 Your. 10 Elderly. 12 Smear. 14 Sneak. 16 Bandied. 19 Stem. 20 Colonise. 22 Penny Farthing.
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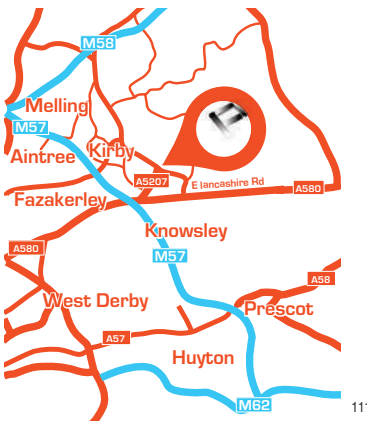

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Last chance to seek help from Winter Warm scheme

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

RESIDENTS in the borough have just two weeks left to apply for a grant from a fund set up to help people who need extra support through the coldest months of the year.

Adult support service Help Direct are working with West Lancashire Borough Council to promote the Winter Warm scheme's hardship fund which is targeted at those who are affected by a health condition.

Closing date for appications is March 31.

To qualify you must be aged over 65 and in receipt of a qualifying benefit; have dependent children aged 14 or under and in receipt of a qualifying benefit; or be a single person/couple aged under 65 without dependent children and in receipt of a qualifying benefit.

The qualifying benefits are Income Support; Income–Based Job Seeker's Allowance; Income–Based ESA; Guarantee Pension Credit; Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit (with an annual income of less than £15,860 per year); Universal Credit; War Disablement Pension (must include mobility supplement or constant attendance allowance) or Industrial Injuries Benefit (must include constant attendance allowance).

A spokesman for Help Direct said: "So far people have accessed the fund to make top–up payments for gas and electricity and there are other interventions available such as help to purchase electric blankets/heaters and other means to help people stay warm and well.

"The aim of the fund is to keep people warm and well throughout the winter. The application is very straightforward and will be completed by a Help Direct Advisor. Even if someone doesn't qualify using the criteria listed and they are experiencing hardship please refer to us as there may be other avenues to explore."

For more information on the eligibility and type of help available via the hardship fund contact Help Direct and quote West Lancashire Winter Warm Scheme. Referrals can be made via Referrals/Partner enquiries on 0303 333 1039 or by email at info@loc.helpdirectlancs.org.uk.

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Places available at wellbeing clinic

THE first in a series of free health and wellbeing clinics for people affected by cancer being offered by Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS trust in conjunction with Macmillan Cancer Information will be held at at Southport Theatre and Convention Centre on Thursday (March 19) from 1 to 3.30pm.

There are still places available and these can be booked by phoning 0151 2886893.

The next event will be on Thursday, July 9 from 4 to 6.30pm at the same venue.

Metal thieves targeted in national operation

Report by **Henry James**

METAL thieves and the transportation of stolen materials were targeted by Lancashire Police as part of the national Operation Tornado initiative.

More than 150 officers were involved in the operation along with partner agencies including local authority licensing teams, the Environment Agency, Border Force and Revenu and Customs (HMRC).

Roads policing teams carried out stop checks on nearly 200 commercial vehicles to ensure that they were in possession of the correct paperwork, including waste carrier licences and business insurance.

All mobile dealers were found to be complying with the relevant regulations, but 38 drivers were reported for offences relating to road worthiness of their vehicles.

Officers also visited scrap yards across the county to educate dealers and enforce the new guidance regarding legislation of cashless purchasing. All scrap dealers visited were found to be compliant with the new regulations.

Neighbourhood policing teams, in partnership with local authority officers, conducted home visits to properties identified as being at risk of burglary, metal and lead thefts. Leaflets were delivered and crime prevention advice offered along with property marking where appropriate.

Chief Inspector Michael Adamson of Lancashire Police said: "We had a productive day of action across the county that sent out a positive message to the public that we are continuing to target metal thieves and that dealers across Lancashire are complying with regulations.

"Metal theft offences have a detrimental effect on our local communities and by carrying out spot checks and continuing to enforce the legislation around scrap metal trading, we are cutting off the criminals' cash flow and sending a clear message that there is no market for stolen metals in Lancashire.

"I'd like to thank all of the other agencies who supported us throughout the day and for the continuing co–operation of scrap dealers. Operation Tornado is designed not to inhibit those dealers that operate lawfully, but to remove unscrupulous dealers who operate outside the law.

"In the last two years we have seen a 57% decrease in reports of metal thefts in Lancashire and we will continue to disrupt and deter those criminals who approach dealers with stolen metal to make a quick profit from others' loss, and those responsible will be robustly targeted and prosecuted."

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Health body meeting

MEMBERS of the public are invited to the next board meeting of West Lancashire's healthcare commissioners to be held on Tuesday, March 24 at 9.30am at Holland Hall Hotel, Up Holland.

Questions relating to items on the agenda, which is published a week prior to the meeting, can also be raised by visiting the governing body page of the CCG's website, or by notifying the secretary to the board directly on 01695 588144 by noon on Monday, March 23.

People contacting the secretary should mention which agenda item they wish to comment upon. This will enable the CCG to ensure that those who wish to speak can be invited to do so.

There is also the opportunity for attendees to have an informal discussion with some of the board members following the closure of the meeting.

West Lancashire's Mayor Councillor Doreen Stephenson leads the ceremony to mark Commonwealth Day Code1078530

Flying the flag for Commonwealth Day celebration

WEST Lancashire Borough Council commemorated Commonweath Day with a flag–raising ceremony at the council offices in Derby Street, Ormskirk.

The mayor, Councillor Doreen Stephenson, led the ceremony which is held on the second Monday of March every year to celebrate the Commonwealth of Nations.

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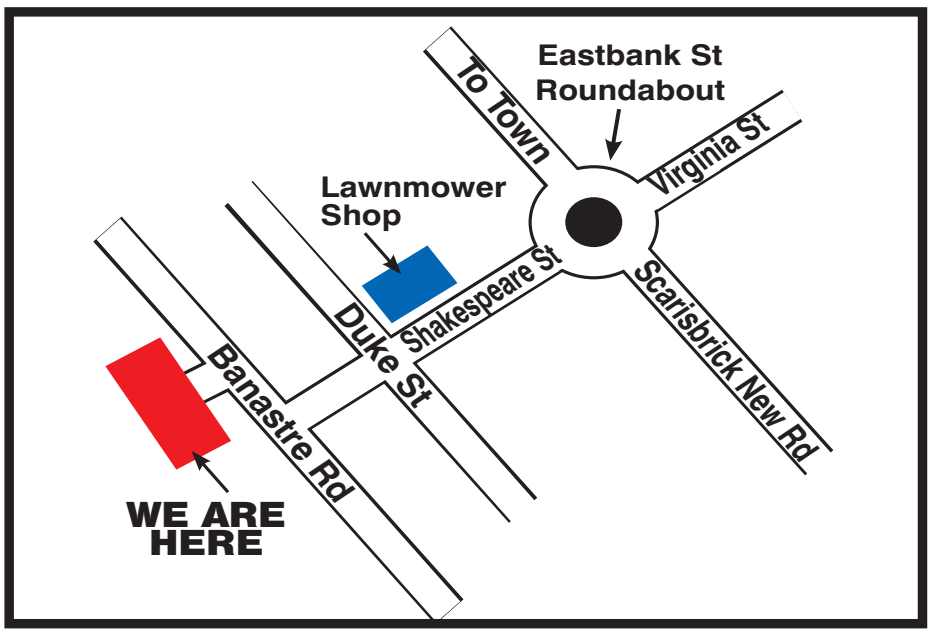

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The show will visit Southport Theatre between Thursday, April 9 and Saturday, April 11.

In its earlier format, the musical version of the show had four hugely successful runs at Liverpool's Empire Theatre, firstly in 2004 and then returning in 2005, 2007 and 2009, with Rob Fennah and production company Pulse Records Ltd.

The new version is being staged by Pulse in collaboration with producer and stage writer Rob Fennah and new co–producer Bill Elms. They are joined by director Bob Eaton.

Helen Forrester's Twopence to Cross the Mersey tells the true story of a young girl and her formerly wealthy family as they are suddenly thrown into poverty during the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Leaving behind the nannies, servants and comfortable middle–class life in the South West of England, they uproot their shattered lives and choose Liverpool as the place to start again to rebuild their dreams and fortune. Unbeknown to them however, a terrible shock awaits them.

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Pupils have fun bashing the trash

STAFF at Procter and Gamble in Skelmersdale have launched another school initiative.

The company, based in Pinfold Place, paid for 15 local schools to have a Bash The Trash workshop for the day.

Bash The Trash is an initiative whereby children get to play samba and mamba music on trash, old bins, storage boxes, and plate holders.

Julie Jackson, employee relations leader at Procter & Gamble, said: "The children really enjoyed themselves. To see their faces light up while learning and having fun is great."

Pupils of St Teresa's Catholic Primary School Bash The Trash

Students dig for clues to college site's history

Midstream vocational college students and staff start an archeological dig on their site at Pimbo. Code1078625

Report by **Henry James**

AS part of their upcoming 20–year celebrations, students at Midstream (West Lancs) Ltd., based in Skelmersdale, have been looking for clues to the past this week by taking part in an archaeological dig.

The students, who are on the Pathways to Adulthood Programme, have been exploring Midstream's six–acre site to locate artefacts which may help piece together the site's history.

As part of this activity, students have created one large dig and also worked in smaller groups to locate artefacts with the help of a metal detector.

Nicola Dilworth, a teacher on the programme, said: "We are looking for evidence of Worthington House Farm which we know used to be situated on our site.

"We have been researching the history of the farm and its occupants. Our research has taken us back to the year 1861.

"Local people have also been very helpful in sharing their knowledge and memories of the site.

"The students have found some really interesting artefacts that we believe may have come from the farm.

"These include a steering wheel and column believed to be from a tractor and building foundations for a barn.

"Other finds include ladles, pans, hose ends, hooks, chains and door or gate furniture.

"The students have really enjoyed this project and loved finding things from the past. We still have another week on the dig and who knows what we might find."

Midstream (West Lancs) Ltd. is celebrating its 20 year anniversary by holding a special open day on Tuesday, March 24.

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Bridging generation gap

Hillcroft residents with staff and students at West Lancashire College's The Imagery

RESIDENTS from a care home in Aughton were treated to a makeover and a dance and singing show as part of a new initiative which aims to connect the elderly and young people in West Lancshire.

Last year, staff at Hillcroft residential and care home on Long Lane spearheaded a campaign to make older people in the local community feel more involved by inviting them to join residents at free activities and events held at the home and day trips out.

Their new Connecting Generations initiative encourages older residents in West Lancashire to spend more quality time with younger people.

Last week five of the residents, three of whom suffer from dementia, went for a beauty session and were treated to a wash and blow dry and manicure by West Lancashire College students at the college's Imagery Salon.

And on Mother's Day, a team of eight performers from the Burscough–based Kelly Shirley School of Dance, aged eight to 15, visited the home to perform ballet, ballroom and Irish dancing before the residents and their friends and families sat down to a carvery dinner.

Hillcroft's events organiser, Lesley Malone, said: "We would like to thank the West Lancashire College students for the lovely pampering morning that has made our residents feel like they are in their 20s again.

"The Imagery salon has invited Hillcroft's residents to go along to the salon once a month to mix with the younger generation and also for their learner students learn from the older people's life experiences.

"We are also in talks for the college's health and social care students to come to do their work placement at Hillcroft and become Dementia Friends with training given to them here by Joe Sherville from the Alzheimer's Society.

"We would also like to thank the fantastic, talented singers and dancers from the Kelly Shirley School of Dance. You could see how much the residents enjoyed watching the young dancers and listening to the young singers sing modern songs, mixing with the younger generation and clapping after each young dancer finished their dance."

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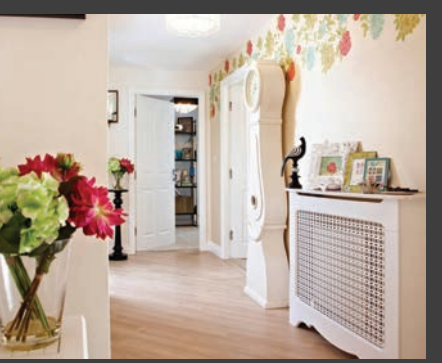

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During the course of the evening the audience meet a variety of customers: an Old Lady escaping from a life of caring for her disabled husband, an Old Man talking fondly about his late wife, and another woman who is indeed an 'other woman' jealously watching her lover and his wife. We also meet the couples: Moth who tries to chat up every attractive girl he sees and Maudie his long suffering girlfriend. Mrs Iger likes big men but Mr Iger is a little man. We also meet dysfunctional couple Lesley and Roy. He is a bully and she is trapped. Then there is Fred and Alice, who are happy together with their mutual love of food, television and Elvis.

The final visitor, a little boy, triggers the landlord and landlady to confront each other about the tragic history which has been poisoning their relationship.

Two runs from March 18–21 and starts at 7.30pm each evening.

Tickets are available from the bar at Disraelis, ormskirktheatrecompany.co.uk and by calling 01695 577393

Evening of folk music at village hall

HILLDALE Community Association has announced the return of Stephen and Pernille Quigg to Hilldale Village Hall on Saturday, March 21, as arranged by The Venue @ the end of The Universe promotions.

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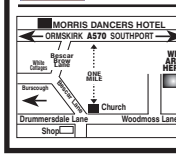

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DEATHS

Trickett Jerry

(Mad Dog)

on 5th March 2015

Suddenly at home aged 59 years.

Devoted Dad of Christine, Wayne & Jade, cherished Grandad of all his grandchildren will be sadly missed by all his family & friends. Funeral service will take place at Southport Crematorium on Tuesday 24th March at 1.20pm. All enquiries to Margaret Whitelam Skelmersdale Funeral Service 29/31 Sandy Lane Tel: 01695 559868.

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DEATHS

Bridle Barbara

28th February 2015

Suddenly in hospital after a long illness

Aged 88 years of Skelmersdale

A loving sister and aunt to all her family.

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IN MEMORIAM

Nora Day

14th March 2013

We can't hold
the old days back,
When we were all together,
But secret tears
and loving thoughts,
Will be with us forever.

Love and miss
you always,
Loving Husband Les,
Daughters Nora,
Linda and Carol.
Sons John, Peter
and Colin
and all the family
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IN MEMORIAM

Gallagher Frank

22nd March 2014

A year ago today,
always remembered
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and all your
grandchildren and
great grandchildren
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Harold Thomas Myers

Known as Jerry or Lally

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DEATHS

TWEEDIE Joyce Kathleen

Passed away peacefully in hospital on 6th March 2015 after a very short illness

Aged 90 years

Joyce will be sadly missed by all her family, friends and Truffles. Service to celebrate her life to be held at Southport Crematorium on Friday 20th March 2015 at 10.40am. Family flowers only please, no need for sombre clothing at service. Donations in memory to The Society of Friends (Quakers) along with all enquiries via R Banks & Son (Funerals) Ltd, Stretton House, 23 Hall Green, Upholland, WN8 0PB Tel (01695) 622099 www.rbanksandson.co.uk

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Sharea Angel Hope Hay

13/03/2012

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my Beautiful Sharea
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each and every day,
losing you took a
piece of my heart
Up to the heavens with
the moon and the stars,
So remember this
my sweet Angel face
your the pride of my life
that can never be replaced,
I miss you so much
my little baby girl
your the best gift a mum
could wish for in the
whole wide world
love you always and forever
your loving mummy
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Our Beautiful Sharea
taken from us,
but forever in our thoughts
love you sweet darling
love Grandad X X and Auntie
Mantha X X

loved and missed always
and will never be forgotten
Nanna Vi, Aunties & Uncles
and Cousins
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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

HOUSE OLIVE

(nee Bradley)

Mark and Jake would like to thank all relatives and friends for their kind thoughts, words, condolence cards and donations received for Queenscourt Hospice and Southport Offshore Rescue Trust following the death of their Mum. Many thanks to members of the Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps Association, Chester Branch, for attending the service with the Standard. Grateful thanks to Rev. Martin Abrams for the inspirational service and to Howard's Funeral Directors for the dignified funeral arrangements.

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DEATHS

NEWCOMB Dennis

8th March 2015

Aged 85 Years. Peacefully in Southport Hospital.

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IN MEMORIAM

Allen Joan

17th March 2011

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Love
Terry
XXX

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PRAYER

DEAR SACRED HEART OF JESUS

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(Make Request).

There are none that can withstand your powers. Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 Times).

Sweet Mother, I place this cause in your hands (3 times).

Thank you for your mercy towards me and mine.

This prayer must be said for three days and after that the request will be granted and the prayer must be published. **R.N.**

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 - Article 13

APPLICATION(S) FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Application No: 2015/0187/FUL Build new hide including demolition and relocation of an existing hide at The Wildfowl And Wetlands Trust, Martin Mere, Fish Lane, Burscough.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.
Application No: 2015/0231/FUL Extension of car park and turning area and erection of 1.8 metre high green mesh security fencing (retrospective) at Plox Motors, Plox Brow, Tarleton.
This does not (or may not) accord with the development plan.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2015/0208/FUL* Single storey kitchen extension; pitched roof to existing flat roofed outrigger; 3 no. additional rooflights to garage; replacement of side fence with brick wall at 44 Granville Park, Aughton.
Application No: 2015/0232/FUL* Ground floor porch and kitchen extension. First floor 3 bedroom extension at 514 Liverpool Road, Rufford.
Application No: 2015/0254/FUL* Single-storey extension to rear. Alterations to front elevation and replacement windows/doors at 4 Summerwood Lane, Halsall.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's web site www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to the Planning Division, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
* Householder Applications
In the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any comments made will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment.

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In making the Scheme the Council has had regard to the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel as required by Regulation 3 of the abovementioned Regulations.

The Scheme commencing on 1 April 2015 does not provide for an increase in the rates of allowances payable to Members of the Council and these will remain the same as those Allowances paid during 2014/15.

The Scheme is available for inspection by members of the public during normal office hours (between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding Bank Holidays) at the Council's offices at 52 Derby Street Ormskirk. Copies may be purchased on payment of 50 pence per sheet. The Scheme can also be accessed via the Council's website – www.westlancs.gov.uk .

Dated: 18 March 2015

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LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH NO. 107 BURSCOUGH, WEST LANCASHIRE BOROUGH (TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF THROUGH TRAFFIC) ORDER 2013

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Secretary of State for Transport has agreed to the above Order remaining in force until the 13th May, 2015, the effect of which is to temporarily prohibit any pedestrian from proceeding over that length of Public Footpath No. 107 Burscough, Borough of West Lancashire, indicated below:-

That part of Public Footpath No.107 Burscough, West Lancashire Borough commencing at Point A (GR 4461 1189) at its junction with Mill Lane, Burscough West Lancashire Borough and running in a generally south westerly direction for a distance of approximately 444 metres to Point B (GR SD 4440 1157) and its junction with Junction Lane, Burscough West Lancashire Borough.
The temporary closure is necessary on the grounds of public safety whilst demolition works are carried out on site prior to site development.

I FISHER, County Secretary and Solicitor
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NOT PART OF THE STATUTORY NOTICE

The plan on site shows the route to be closed as A - B. Lancashire County Council is informed that an alternative route marked A - D – C – B is available.

The alternative route has not been inspected in connection with this closure. Please contact the Countryside Service on 01772 534709 if necessary.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 PUBLICITY FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2015/0026
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - RETROSPECTIVE CHANGE OF USE FOR THE RECYCLING OF PLASTICS AND EXTENSION TO THE EXISTING WAREHOUSE BUILDING AND WELFARE UNIT AT UNIT 1 STATION ROAD, RUFFORD.

I give notice that Mulberry Waste Ltd is applying to the Lancashire County Council for planning permission for the above development.

The proposed development is within green belt.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, the plans and other documents submitted with it at the Environment Directorate, Lancashire County Council, Transport and Environment, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 8 April 2015.The application, plans and submitted details can also be viewed on the County Council's website
planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council at the Environment Directorate, Lancashire County Council, Strategic Transport and Environment, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD, by email to DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk by 8 April 2015 or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website
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We do not acknowledge receipt of representations or notify you of the outcome of the decision. This information will be available on our website within 5 working days of the date of decision. Details on how to make further representations and speak at the Development Control Committee can be found on our web page.

Steve Browne, Interim Director for the Environment Directorate
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
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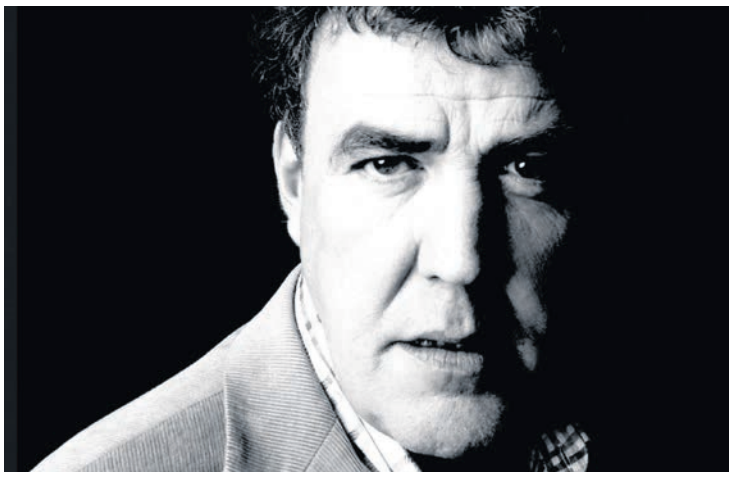
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It's been brought up by people tapping my shoulder at the bar and my mobile's been beeping away incessantly after one of the most controversial motoring stories of all time.

Yep, you've sussed it. Why does Mr Simister drive a Peugeot?

You might have seen the clip in question. A couple of weeks ago, Jeremy Clarkson and James May took a sideswipe at the Peugeot–driving masses. As a result, quite a few of my fellow petrolheads have poked merciless fun at me because I've got one.

Regular readers will probably know the Pug in question. I bought it primarily because it cost less than what some of my mates spend on shirts, but there's another thing I've come to really love about it. It's something applicable to all old Peugeots, and you have to go somewhere really remote to appreciate it.

Aberdeen, for instance. I was up there the other day in a borrowed Astra and the final destination of a business trip were some utterly astonishing roads. Quiet, twisty roads yet the brand new Vauxhall felt a bit underwhelming. It was safe, comfortable and thoroughly competent, but the hint of dynamic sparkle was nowhere to be seen. It was the sort of disappointment that'd make some people want to punch a colleague in the face out of sheer frustration.

Yet my 15–year–old Peugeot, I discovered on not entirely dissimilar roads, has that sparkle in spades. Look back at motoring mags from its day and you'll see road testers raving about the 306 GTi–6, but peel away the hot hatch garnishings and you'll find all 306s ride and handle beautifully.

It's something all old Peugeots revel in. Jeremy and James made that exact point eloquently before moving on to the comedy car crashes, but the message everyone picks up on is that all Peugeots are terrible to drive and commandeered by people who have light crashes.

Old Peugeots can still deliver a real punch. Which, for reasons I'm still not sure of, seems weirdly topical.

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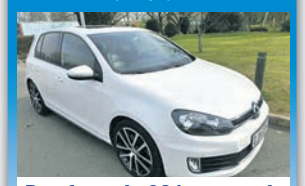

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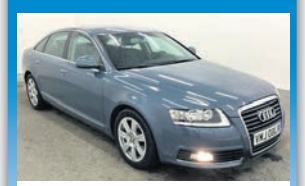

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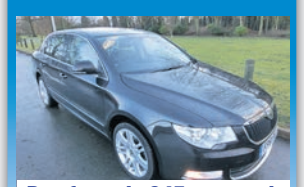

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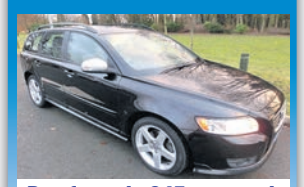

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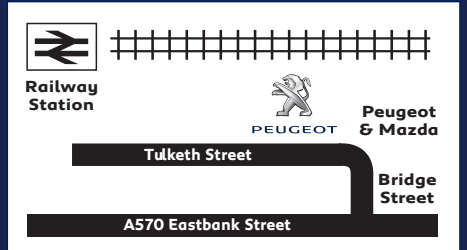

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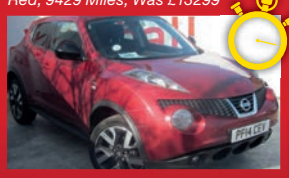

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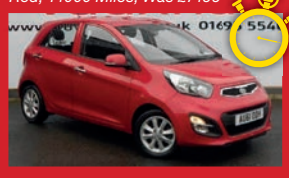

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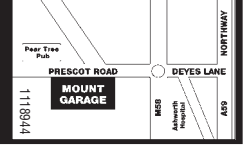

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Linnets beat Bloods in five goal thriller

Burscough 3
Droysden 2

BURSCOUGH enjoyed a victory over promotion hopefuls Droysden on Saturday. Paul Williams' penalty on the half–hour mark gave the Linnets the lead. This was cancelled out by Michael Monaghan 10 minutes after half–time. Burscough were back in front within two minutes through player boss Mark Beesley. Ben Deegan levelled for the Bloods on 80 minutes but Ed Toner's spot–kick won a welcome three points for Burscough four minutes later.

Burscough in action against Droysden. Picture by Debbie Manifold (c).

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Pair back for trip to take on lowly Witton Albion

TOMMY Lawson is looking forward to having some of his players back for this week's trip down the M6 to Witton Albion, *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

Rob McIntosh and Ben Tollitt who missed the match at Belper, will both be available for selection after serving two and three match suspensions, so it will strengthen Skelmersdale's hand.

Witton have not had the greatest of season's, sitting three places above the relegation zone with 42 points from 37 games, also like many struggling clubs they are on their third manager of the season.

The present occupant of the hot–seat is Tony Sullivan a man who is well known to Southport supporters after his time at Haig Avenue under Phil Wilson's management.

More recently he has managed Cammell Laird, the team that finished second behind Skelmersdale when they lifted the Division One North title two years ago, although 15 points separated the teams.

So he will know all about Skem, but Tommy Lawson will know plenty about Witton, too.

Witton have a fair home record, from 17 games played they have won seven, drawn three and lost seven.

They visited Stormy Corner back in October, when Skelmersdale prevailed by a 1–0 margin, Danny Wisdom grabbing the goal. Before the Witton match Skelmersdale make the journey up the road to Haig Avenue, for a Liverpool County FA Senior Cup semi–final against the Sandgrounders.

When you read this article the result of that one will be known as it is scheduled for Tuesday night.

Skelmersdale don't have a midweek match next week, allowing them time to prepare for a difficult away game at Ilkeston, there will more about that game in next week's Champion.

The next league encounter at Stormy Corner is on Saturday, April 4 (Easter Saturday), when Rushall Olympic are the opposition.

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Hard earned point for Skem after early setback

Belper Town 1
Skelmersdale United 1

SKEM had four players suspended for the match, including first choice central defensive pairing and opponents Belper had not been beaten for four matches, writes Neil Leatherbarrow.

So they faced a difficult task as they travelled to Derbyshire on Saturday and after going a goal down inside 50 seconds a draw was a good result and they deserve credit for the hard work they had to put in to achieve it.

Belper made a whirlwind start.

After just 25 seconds United goalkeeper Steve James dived to push a Jon Froggatt effort for a corner, from which the ball dropped to Nabil Sharif and he rifled it into the net.

The contrasting playing styles helped Belper. The rough surface meant that it was difficult to build up any passing moves, which suited the hosts' long ball game but chances were few in the first–half.

At half–time Tommy Lawson reshaped his team who emerged after the interval with three changes and looked a far more competitive unit.

After James made an early save from Michael Towey, Skelmersdale looked by far the more likely until the very late stages, pinning Belper back for periods.

Dale Wright and Warren Bellew combined to give Mark Jackson a half–chance that went inches wide before Belper cleared one off the line.

Overlapping Skelmersdale left–back Shaun Holden ran at the home defence and he had the last laugh in the 81st minute. Jackson cleverly played the ball to him and as home goalkeeper Dan Haystead left his line, Holden fired low into the far corner for the equaliser.

Skelmersdale did have a scare a couple of minutes later when James got into a tangle with home substitute Rob Stevenson.

And the last few minutes saw a stretched game and in added time Valtar Fernandes cleared a header off the Skelmersdale line while at the other end Jackson came close to a winner for the visitors.

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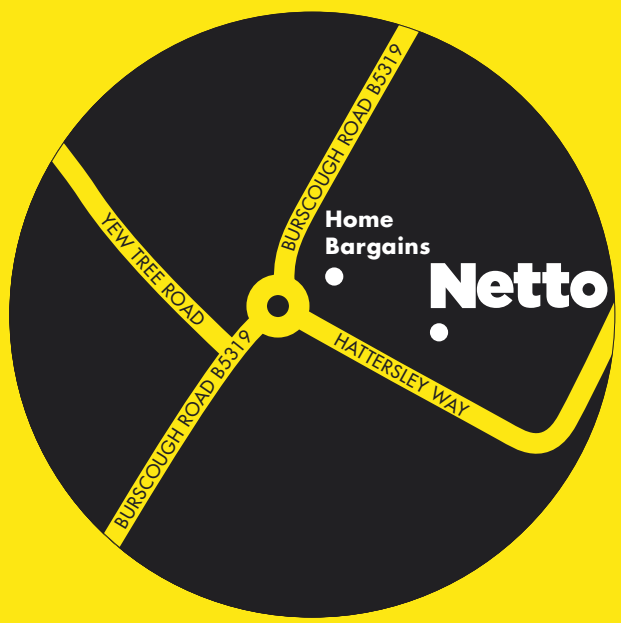

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